GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3172
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AMERICAN AID TO PAKISTAN
NAWAL KISHORE RAI;RAMJI LAL SUMAN;V. VETRISELVAN;YEMPARALA VENKATESWARA RAO

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the U.S. aid to India is only about 1/6th of the amount earmarked for Pakistan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount of aid proposed to be provided to Pakistan including military aid;

(d) whether the Govt. have made any assessment of its impact on India`s defence preparedness; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI VINOD KHANNA)

(a) Yes.

(b) According to available data, the actual and proposed aid by the United States to Pakistan for the U.S. fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004 amounts to U.S. $ 1.74 billion. For the same period, U.S. aid to India aggregates to U.S. $ 324 million.

(c) According to available data, actual and proposed U.S. military aid to Pakistan for the U.S. fiscal years 2002, 2003 and 2004 amount to U.S. $ 3.56 million under the Foreign Military Financing programme, International Military Education and Training programme and assistance for peacekeeping operations.

(d) & (e) The current level of U.S. military aid to Pakistan will not have an adverse impact on India`s defence preparedness. Government has, however, conveyed to the United States that it must remain conscious of India`s security interests and India-U.S. relations in deciding on the level of military aid or sale of defence equipment to Pakistan.